

I Claim:

1. An absorbent garment, comprising:  
a main chassis having an attachment region;  
an absorbent portion operatively associated with the main chassis at  
5 the attachment region; and  
an elastic portion operatively associated with the main chassis,  
wherein the attachment region is substantially inelastic prior to the  
absorbent portion being operative associated with the main chassis.
- 10 2. The garment of claim 1, wherein the attachment region comprises no  
elastic material.
3. The garment of claim 2, wherein the main chassis further comprises a  
dead region, the dead region comprising no elastic material.
- 15 4. The garment of claim 3, wherein the dead region comprises four dead  
regions,  
the garment has four garment-joining regions at which the garment is  
attached to itself to create a wearable garment, and  
20 each of the four dead regions is located at one of the four garment-  
joining regions.
5. The garment of claim 1, wherein the attachment region comprises a  
laminate having  
25 an elastic layer; and  
a substantially inelastic layer.

6. The garment of claim 5, wherein the attachment region further comprises a first layer of nonwoven material.

7. The garment of claim 6, wherein the attachment region further comprising a second layer of nonwoven material, and the elastic layer and the substantially inelastic layer are positioned between the first and second layers of nonwoven material.

8. The garment of claim 7, wherein the absorbent portion is attached directly to the attachment region.

9. The garment of claim 5, wherein the main chassis further comprises a dead region, the dead region being substantially inelastic.

10. The garment of claim 9, wherein the dead region comprises four dead regions,

the garment has four garment-joining regions at which the garment is attached to itself to create a wearable garment, and

each of the four dead regions is located at one of the four garment-joining regions.

11. The garment of claim 10, wherein the elastic layer is substantially equal in area to the main chassis.

12. The garment of claim 11, wherein the substantially inelastic layer comprises a band of inelastic material having

a first end located substantially at a front waist edge of the garment, the front waist edge being located proximate a belly of a user of the garment, and

a second end located substantially at a back waist edge of the garment, the back waist edge being located proximate a back of the user of the garment.

- 5           13.    The garment of claim 12, wherein a longitudinal direction is a direction from the front waist edge to the back waist edge that passes through a crotch region of the garment,
- a transverse direction is a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction, and
- 10           the band of inelastic material has a width in the transverse direction at least as great as a width of the absorbent portion in the transverse direction.

13.    The garment of claim 5, wherein the elastic layer is substantially equal in area to the main chassis.

- 15           14.    The garment of claim 13, wherein the substantially inelastic layer comprises a band of inelastic material having
- a first end located substantially at a front waist edge of the garment, the front waist edge being located proximate a belly of a user of the garment, and
- 20           a second end located substantially at a back waist edge of the garment, the back waist edge being located proximate a back of the user of the garment.

15.    An absorbent garment main chassis, comprising:
- 25           a first carrier layer;
- an elastic layer; and
- a substantially inelastic layer,

wherein the elastic layer is substantially equal in area to the first carrier layer,

the substantially inelastic layer is smaller in area than the first carrier layer, and

5 the substantially inelastic layer is selectively located to create areas of inelasticity.

16. The chassis of claim 15, further comprising a second carrier layer, wherein at least one of the elastic layer and the substantially inelastic layer is disposed between the first carrier layer and the second carrier layer.

17. The chassis of claim 15, wherein the substantially inelastic layer comprises a strip positioned along a longitudinal axis of the chassis extending from a location substantially at a front waist edge, through a crotch portion, and to a location substantially at a back waist edge.

18. The chassis of claim 17, wherein the substantially inelastic layer further comprises a plurality of garment joining region portions, each of which is located on the main chassis at a location corresponding to a garment joining region of the chassis.

19. The chassis of claim 18, further comprising a second carrier layer, wherein at least one of the elastic layer and the substantially inelastic layer is positioned between the first carrier layer and the second carrier layer.

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